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RE: Final Comments of the "Draft DMTS Fugitive Dust Risk Assessment Report"
dated April 2005

Dear Mr. Kulas:

The Contaminated Sites Program (CSP) within the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and its term contractor Ecology & Environment have reviewed your consultant Exponent's "Draft DMTS Fugitive Dust Risk Assessment Report" dated April 2005. DEC received the draft report from Exponent on April 8, 2005 and corrected tables for the draft report from Exponent via e-mail on June 7, 2005. Between April 12 and July 11, 2005, we gave public notice and made the draft report available for public review and comment. As you are aware, we received a number of comments during several open houses or meetings that we and Teck Cominco participated in during the comment period as well as a number of written comments from several other commenters. Our detailed comments regarding the draft report (separated by human health and ecological comments) are enclosed with this letter.

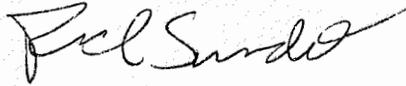
We also provided you earlier all of the written public comments that we received, both from the open houses, and during the public comment period. As you have noticed, a number of the comments from the various commenters have a similar theme such as questions on metal speciation, reference areas, bioavailability and data interpretation. However, each commenter posed a slightly different aspect of even the comment that had a common theme; so, it would have been difficult for us to group these comments. Therefore, for the sake of ensuring that written comments from the various commenters are addressed, we have elected to identify those commenters and keep those comments separate (attached).

As noted above, we also received comments from individuals at seven meetings or open houses that we attended. These comments were replied to at the meetings by either yourself or Mr. Scott Shock of Exponent, or representatives of the Department. We coordinated with you on these responses prior to posting them on our DEC webpage at <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/csp/sites/reddog.htm>. In some cases, further embellishments were provided after the meeting by either yourself, Mr. Shock or by the Department to answer the question, and those additional comments are noted. While we found that in the most part the responses were adequate, there were a couple of responses that needed follow-up so are attached to our letter.

To continue on our efforts with informing the public, we are posting our comments on our above noted webpage link. We expect to have this letter and the enclosed comments posted on our webpage within the next couple of weeks.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 907-269-7578.

Sincerely,



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